and notices for explanation issued against the Motor boats of the Public Relief Company ever since some interested in the concern invited the special attention of the Diwan to an article in 'Aikyam' bearing on some of the irregularities in the working of the Canal Department ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One.

Fined Rs. 5 on Dhanu 29, 1105, for overload in boat Majedia.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know who made the report about the misbehaviour of 'Majedia' in overloading?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Assistant Engineer.

Extensions to Officers.

263. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of officers to whom extensions of services were granted after the advent of the present Diwan ;

(2) the reasons for granting such extensions in each of the above cases ;

(3) the number of times and the periods for which these extensions were given and how many days prior to the expiry of the original periods were they so given ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Vide the statement appended. (*Appendix XXI*).

Extension—Maharaja's College.

264. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the plan of buildings proposed to be constructed for the extension of the Maharaja's College at Ernakulam satisfy the demands made by the Professors in regard to their respective subjects ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes ; subject to some very slight modifications, the requisitions of the different Professors of instruction have been fully satisfied.

Principal's visit to Madras.

265. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many times the Principal of the Maharaja's College went to Madras in this academic year in connection with the admission of the students into the College ;

(2) the amount of the travelling allowance drawn by him;

(3) the amount of T. A. provided for the College in this year.

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Once.

(2) Rs. 194—12—0.

(3) Rs. 500.

Reading Room—Irinjalakkuda.

266. **Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Reading Rooms aided by the Government are not open and free to the public for reading papers, etc ;

(b) whether they are aware that the Victoria Jubilee Reading Room at Irinjalakkuda is one aided by the Government;

(c) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Director of Public Instruction that the public are debarred from making use of the said Reading Room at present ;

(d) if the answer to question (c) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action in the matter, and if so, what ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Generally they are open to the public though it has not been laid down as one of the conditions governing the grant to be paid to them.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Secretary has reported that the rules of the Reading Room have since been modified in a general body meeting and that the Reading Room is now open to the public. Steps are being taken to amend the rules governing the grant to the Reading Rooms when provision will be made to throw open Reading Rooms to the public for reading papers, etc.

T. B. at Kuthiran.

267. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

what objections, if any, they entertain against establishing a first class Travellers' Bungalow over Kuthiran and the date when the same will be undertaken with special reference to the fact that the place is an exceilent summer and health resort ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government are informed that the Kuthiran on the Paravattani Hills is one of the most malarial spots in the State. It is not therefore advisable to build a Travellers' Bungalow at that place.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to ask whether it is malarial in Summer.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not highly malarial in Summer.

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